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Chapter 1

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Volume 2 Chapter 1: Concurrent Double-Fire Cultivation

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“My cultivation is only suited in the morning and evening?” Ji Dong was astonished as he looked at Xia Tan “Could it be because Yin and Yang alternate in the morning and evening and thus it is the only time when Yin and Yang are balanced?”

This time it is Xia Tian’s turn to be surprised. He nodded, “You are very smart. It really is so; but the Yin-Yang balance in the morning and evening only lasts for about half an hour. You can only cultivate in this one hour to achieve a result, and during the other times you can’t get a result. This is also why cultivating the Yin-Yang double system is so hard. Go, you don’t need to come to the lesson this afternoon.”

“Thank you teacher.” Now that Ji Dong’s strength returned a little, he left with Bi Su. Bi Su was anxious about cultivating and went back to Ding-fire department directly, while Ji Dong went back to his dorm room after eating lunch alone. For Ji Dong this was just the beginning. He was shaken by how Bi Su’s stopped him today, making him fully understand how regretful it is not to have power and being part of the Yin-Yang wizard world.

Raising his hand to his chest, he was a little worried. The time of each day is precious. Besides early in the morning and in the evening, there is also another place suited for his cultivation: the earth’s core where the empress Lie Yan is. There is also the earth core lake. If he plans it well, then he will not waste a single minute. Lie Yan has already told him that he could cultivate there about 6 hours. Thinking to this point he immediately walked behind the bar, and focused on mixing a cocktail. after finishing, he didn’t pour the cocktail out of the shaker, he even didn’t take of the cover of the shaker. He touched with his right hand the red lotus on his left chest, and called for Lie Yan.

A gust of light tepid spread from the left chest of Ji Dong, circulating through his whole body, and reaching his feet at last, then leaking from his soles. A fantastic scene emerged, Ji Dong could see one petal of the red lotus appeared under his feet after another, like languid stretching, then the petals rolled up, and surrounded his body. When the last petal surrounded his body, his whole body was already like a gigantic red lotus bud. The gentle red light didn't release any energy, after a flash it disappeared from the room.

It was totally different than being sent by the random teleport scroll to the earth's core, this time Ji Dong didn't have the feeling of falling, he could only feel that his body was warm and cosy, a indescribable comfort, the Bing-fire and Ding-fire magic power also slightly brightened.

Red isolated his sight, after a few breaths, the red around him cleared, that scorching red world once again entered his view. But this time he wasn't standing on the groove, but was falling directly towards the earth core lake. Who knows how hot magma of the earth core, last time he was a few hundred meters above it and was almost grilled well done, if he continued falling, then wouldn't he turn to ash and smoke? While Ji Dong was still surprised, he suddenly felt that the surrounding scene stopped, that red lotus which surrounded him transformed into a red bubble and floated above the magma, this was not the first time that he has this incomparable scorching feeling. The red lotus again took him to the earth's core, at the same time it isolated him from the heat.

"Surprised you, didn't it." He could hear Lie Yan's voice, Ji Dong turned his head, before he noticed Lie Yan was already at his side, also inside the bubble.

Even though it was not the first time that he has seen her, but the shaking in his heart did not half. Still in a red skirt, Lie Yan asked, "Is this for me?"

Ji Dong nodded, after opening the shaker he handed it to her, "I am afraid that it would evaporate here, that is why I didn't pour it into a cup."

Lie Yan took the shaker, "Thank you, little Ji Dong. You want to start cultivating, right?"

"How did you know", Ji Dong looked surprised at her.

Lie Yan smiled mysteriously, "It is a secret." While saying that the bubble brought them to the heaven like high wall, without seeing Lie Yan making any gestures, she already left the bubble and was floating in the air.

“Don’t waste time, you only have 6 hours a day here. When the time comes that you want to leave you only need to touch the red lotus on your chest and say goodbye to me, the red lotus will bring you back.”

Ji Dong asked, “Can I divide the 6 hours?”

Lie Yan answered, “Of course. if the six hours are over and you still haven’t left then the red lotus will automatically bring you back. Let me taste this fine liquor you have brought me today.”

While saying that she sipped on it, the Liquor in the crystal shaker was milky white, it looked like dense milk.

Ji Dong was a little bit nervous when he looked at Lie Yan sipping on the fine liquor, the Cocktail he mixed this time was seemly different than last time. If one says that while he was mixing the midnight sunshine for Yang Bing Tian, his mood was thankful, then this time he made it especially for Lie Yan, then it would be another feeling. the same material, but mixing it with different feelings, would make the taste totally different. An outstanding Bartender, will be good at mixing his feeling into the cocktail he was mixing. Yet while mixing the cocktail, Ji Dongs heart only was filled with admiration towards Lie Yan, while there wasn’t a single impurity.

“Wu.....” Lie Yan stared at Ji Dong and smiled, “This time tastes totally different than last time! Little Ji Dong, you are really an excellent bartender. Can you tell me its name?”

“Of course I can. Its name is White Moon. It is made with 5/10 of Bacardi, 1/10 of banana liqueur, 1/10 coconut wine and 3/10 of orange juice. Milky white, a little bit yellowish, sweet and a little sour while entering your mouth. the alcohol content is not high, so it is very suitable for women.”

Lie Yan nodded, and looked at the shaker in her hand again, “Use a cup next time, there will be more feeling with it. No need to worry about evaporation. you can start cultivating now, with the protection of my red lotus, it will filter the Bing-fire element and Ding-fire element you can absorb, no need to worry. I will go and have a little fun with the White Moon. See you tomorrow”

Drizzle of red brilliance quietly vanished, it only took Ji Dong to blink one time and Lie Yan vanished without trace.

Not knowing if she could sense his feeling while mixing the cocktail, Ji Dong's heart was fidgety, he never fell in love, less chased after a girl, in this context he was a bigger greenhorn than being a Yin-Yang wizard. Let alone that he was so much different than Lie Yan, he could only tell her his feeling with his fine cocktails.

Sitting down cross legged, and closing his eyes, Ji Dong used a full second to calm himself down. But because the fire element in the earth's core was very vigorous, when he released his guiding thoughts, the two different fire element rushed into him. Strong and passionate Bing-fire element and mild and gentle Ding-fire element fused with the double-fire magical power in his body simultaneously.

This time the repelling situation, which happened on the sports field, didn't occur, Ji Dong felt as if was now inside a forge, after those double-attribute fire element entered his body, it was like all rivers run into the sea, they all concentrated in his chest, when it was flowing into his meridians inside his body, Ji Dong felt as his skin, muscles and bones were stretching was pleasurable and moaning, under the stimulation of the two different fire elements in his body slowly changing.

After these energy circulated in his body, they combined in the two magical powers, the two magical powers were growing stronger bit by bit. Even though it was slow but there was no change in their growth.

This was the first time Ji Dong entered the cultivation state, Xia Tian once said, that before condensing the Yin-Yang crown, a Yin-Yang magician could only use his thoughts to feel the change of the Elements in the air, and guide them into one's body and turn them into your own strength. Even though Ji Dong has the Yin-Yang in balance which makes him much slower in absorbing the Bing-Ding double fire elements than Yin-Yang wizards who only has one attribute, but he also has his advantage, and that is his much sharper 6 senses.

Being able to rely on the sense of smell to determine the ingredients of those cocktails in the Burning Passion bar, one could guess how sharp his six senses were. The six senses of a human is, eye, ear, nose, tongue, body and thought, the last one thought means mind, feeling his mind he could easily concentrate making the attraction of the elements around him speeding up, and making the

absorption faster. Let alone this is the earth core lakeside, where one doesn't know the concentration of the Bing-fire and Ding-fire elements. Because of that Ji Dong's cultivation speed was much faster than those single attribute students.

Before cultivating too long, about 2 hours later, Ji Dong decided to head back. The red lotus sent him back into his room.

After becoming a level one apprentice, there were two mung bean sized magic powers inside his chest, if they didn't emit light they would easily be overseen, he felt his magic power a tiny bit, even though it was not visible, but it absolutely grew.

It was already afternoon, it was still not the evening time when it was suitable for him to cultivate, Ji Dong was lying on his bed while recalling the process of cultivating from before, reviewing the feeling of those two magic powers entering his body, slowly the understanding grew in his heart, regardless if it was the Bing-fire element of the Ding-fire element, them entering into him started with the permeating of his skin, and slowly gathering in his chest, it felt as if his body was filtering, the final rest converged in the magic power in his chest, the growth of the magic power was not fast. But it was actually not so, those two elements was not being filtered, but was absorbed by his body. The warm feeling in his whole body should be the imperceptible influence of his own body changing, just as if using that scorching energy to burn the impurities in one's body making the attribute in his body even more pure. Even though it was not eliminating that much of the impurities like with the help with those two crystal crowns, but this imperceptible change was more beneficial for the body.

Ji Dong's judgement was right, during the cultivation process of a Yin-Yang wizard, the ten levels in the first stage before condensing the Yin-yang crown was very important, it was important, because during this process their body will fuse with their body's attribute elements, cleansing the impurities inside one's body, making one's body fully linked with the Element. Only with that one could condense the Yin-Yang crown, also the more purer the body gets during the cultivation, the nearer the element is with the body, which means that one's cultivation speed will also quicken.

After thinking about it carefully, the scheme in Ji Dong's heart became more and more clear, before condensing his Yin-Yang crown all he could do everything

that he could do, is use the time he has to absorb the two fire elements, the more the better for his body.

The evening came, Ji Dong started to cultivate in his room, he want to feel the difference between cultivating above the ground and cultivating in the earth's core lake.

The moment he started cultivating Ji Dong couldn't help but laugh bitterly, the same Bing-fire element and Ding-fire element, but when Yin and Yang are in balance the don't repel each other, but the concentration in the air was ten times minor. Also when at the earth's core lake, he didn't need to guide the two elements so much in order to absorb them into his body, but he couldn't do it when he was in the academy, now he need to use his mind to the uttermost to guide the not really dense fire elements to be absorbed by his body. One need to know this is the south fire empire, the region with the most abundant fire element on the continent.

The density of the fire element itself and the difficulty during the absorption and the time difference, no wonder Lie Yan said that cultivating 6 hours in the earth's core lake was enough to compensate his gap to those single element Yin-Yang wizards.

But, even like this, Ji Dong didn't give up on the training in the academy., even if it was only one hour, which could only bring 1/100th of what he could condense in the earth's core lake, he would not give up on it. every single bit of energy, is the key to success in the future.

Chapter 2

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Volume 2 Chapter 2: The two Ultimate Fires

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Ji Dong settled into a tranquil, perhaps even dry and dull, life at the Li Huo Academy. Every morning when the Yin and Yang energies were harmonizing, he would cultivate for 30 minutes. After breakfast he would attend the daily lesson and learn about Yin-Yang magic. In the evening he would cultivate for another 30 minutes, then he would mix a cocktail for Yang Bing Tian. After dinner, he would return to his room and make another cocktail for Lie Yan, bring it to the earth's core, and start the most important 6 hours of cultivation. This was the pattern of his daily routine.

After being provoked by Zhu Gui, both the sissy Bi Su and the hulking Karl threw themselves wholeheartedly into cultivation, so much so that they didn't even come to Ji Dong to have a drink. Also their cultivation was really fast. Not only had they become level one apprentices, they even became the best in most subjects, second only to Zhu Gui.

The teacher was not really concerned about Ji Dong. Even Yang Bing Tian would only occasionally ask about his cultivation process. Ji Dong couldn't expose the fact that he trained at the earth's core lake as he pleased. That is why nobody knew about his cultivation process.

In a flash, a whole school year had already passed, and the year end exams were coming.

"Lie Yan." Putting his hand on his chest, Ji Dong once again evoked that name by which he was captivated. The familiar Red Lotus quietly and slowly surrounded him, then disappeared with him in it.

Ji Dong already experienced this procedure more than 300 times, and it

couldn't be more familiar. The fiery red world was the same as always. The Red Lotus transformed into a red bubble supporting Ji Dong's body.

"You came." The smiling Lie Yan took the cocktail from Ji Dong's hands. Ji Dong only nodded, but his eyes were locked another face.

Almost a year passed, and the only time when Ji Dong could see Lie Yan was only this short moment. After receiving the cocktail, Lie Yan would leave in order to let him cultivate. It was already more than 300 nights, but the the admiration in Ji Dong's heart for Lie Yan didn't decrease one bit, in fact it increased. Although he didn't really understand Lie Yan and could only speak a few sentences with her, the feelings he put into his cocktails became thicker and thicker with each passing day. Ji Dong didn't know if Lie Yan could sense this, but he was certain that his cocktail mixing ability has recovered 50%. If the liquor in this world had been completely the same as his former world, then he would have recovered his skills faster. Lie Yan was always pleased with his drinks and never complained.

"This liquor is called Gently Blowing Sea Breeze. It tastes like waves. You will have a feeling constantly sensing new things, but at the same time you will have a feeling of interruption....." As usual, Ji Dong presented Lie Yan with today's fine liquor.

While listening to his depiction, Lie Yan slowly tasted this glass of Gently Blowing Sea Breeze. Between the two of them there was a silent agreement. While Ji Dong was describing the drink, Lie Yan would sip it at her pleasure. For Ji Dong it was also fun to describe his creation to this absolutely perfect, beautiful woman and see her drink the cocktail he mixed. When he could see Lie Yan's expression change after drinking his cocktail, it would fill his heart with great joy.

By the time Ji Dong finished his explanation, the cocktail would already be finished. Just as Ji Dong was preparing to be sent to the cave wall by Lie Yan to start his cultivation as usual, Lie Yan spoke up.

"Little Ji Dong, tomorrow will be your last day of your first school year. Do You want to be an overnight celebrity?" Lie Yan asked Ji Dong with a big smile as she returned the glass..

Actually the Ji Dong now, compared a year earlier, has already grown a lot. Of

course it's not only his age. With this past year's cultivation, he has already gotten rid of his thin, frail body. Even though he's not as big and strong as Karl, he now looks like a normal 11 year old child. He has grown a little taller, his bronze skin is brimming with vitality, and he had the short hair that was the academy standard for male students. His gaze was even more resolute, steady, and brimming with spirit. Even though he wouldn't be considered handsome, his calm personality could easily leave a deep impression.

Ji Dong was startled, "How did you know that I will be having my end-of-term exams tomorrow?"

Lie Yan Smiled, "Actually I know everything about you. The Red Lotus can not only bring you here and back, it is also my eyes and ears. This is the secret I mentioned before."

Ji Dong suddenly understood, "So that is how. No wonder." Remembering the first time he came here for cultivation, Lie Yan already knew he was coming. It turns out she was always observing him.

"You Still haven't answered my questions." Lie Yan was a little annoyed. It was the first time that Ji Dong saw her with a tender scolding expression. One could say that the times when he saw Lie Yan were the times when his willpower was at its weakest.

"Being an overnight celebrity never crossed my mind. I only want to cultivate in order to become a Yin-Yang wizard."

Lie Yan seemed to be lost in her thoughts, "Are you that thirsty for strength?"

Ji Dong said, "Yes, I am longing for strength, because without strength you are nothing in this world. Also, since I chose this profession, I will be the best, and I will put forth my uttermost effort to do it."

Lie Yan nodded, "I believe you. It has been almost a year, and I have observed your cultivation each day. From the time you first started cultivating, you never wasted a second. Even though the six hours of cultivation I offer here is dozens of times more efficient than the two half-hours above ground, you never abandon that hour of cultivation. Continuing like this each day for 300 days is very difficult to maintain. If you don't care what your classmates think of you, then I have something to teach you in exchange for drinking your cocktails for a

year. It will benefit your cultivation in the future.”

“You want to teach me?” asked Ji Dong, pleasantly surprised. His thoughts were 80% happy. But this wasn’t because Lie Yan was going to teach him new things but because he could spend more time together with her. Only when he sees her and listens to her voice, will his hormones significantly speed up . Although it was not as humiliating as his first nosebleed, but that kind of indescribable bewitchment is Ji Dong’s only entertainment for this academic year. Even if his cultivation practice was as dry as dust and exhausting, however every time he saw her, his mind would be more steady and firm. Lie Yan was the reason he pursued this strength. He knew that his current strength is nowhere near hers and that only by becoming strong will he have the qualifications to woo Lie Yan. At this point of time, cultivation had become his sole activity in life.

Lie Yan nodded lightly, “Look.” She put her right hand in front of Ji Dong. With a flicker of light, two tiny flames appeared in her palm.

One was a dazzling golden flame. It emitted a Bing-fire magic aura, but it was different from what he normally felt. This golden flame contained an incomparably rich Bing-Fire magical energy. Even though it looked so small, he did not know how much stronger the Yang-qi was compared to his own Bing-fire magic power..

The other flame was black, a peaceful darkness. That dull black flame gave off an even stronger feeling, gloomy and furtive, as if it was a flame that came from the deepest part of hell. Compared to it, his eclipse-like Ding-Fire magic was not so bad in the amount of energy, but in the attribute of Yin-qi it was much worse.

“These two seeds are my compensation for you mixing cocktails for me. I will fuse them with the Bing-Ding fire in your body, which will lead to some changes. You should also be able to feel that although these two flames are Yin-fire and Yang-fire, they are much purer than the two magic powers you are cultivating. These are the flames I am using. The golden one is named Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang Holy Fire, and the black one is Ding-Si-Ming-Yin Spirit Fire. By fusing with these two seeds, you will possess the same fire as me. But I have to tell you that the one year’s worth of magic power that you have saved up will be concentrated and burned, which will lead to a big decline in magic power. This is why you need to

think clearly about whether you want to do it or not.

“Of course I am willing. Lie Yan, you can start now.” Ji Dong said without the slightest hesitation. Actually Lie Yan only needed to say that she also possessed these flames, and Ji Dong would not have any hesitation in his heart. To be able to possess the same flame as Lie Yan was happiness itself for Ji Dong.

Lie Yan said, “Don’t be too impulsive. There will be almost nothing left of your cultivation from this entire year. Are you willing to waste a whole year’s worth of effort?”

Ji Dong looked at Lie Yan while deep in thought, then a thread of pride appeared in his eyes. “If I can work hard for one year then I can do it again for another year. To restore something after breaking it is a concept I’m very familiar with. Besides, using one year’s hard-earned cultivation to exchange for an increase in quality is something completely worthwhile.”

“Restore after breaking? That phrase is really good!” Lie Yan looked at Ji Dong with surprise, “You are really making me see you in a new light, as someone worthy of having a body with Yin-Yang balance. Believe me, you will be grateful you made this choice today.”

A ray of mild golden light shot out from Lie Yan’s eyes. Ji Dong could only feel a sudden dizziness, and was not aware of anything around him. A layer of red light wrapped around his body, so he could not fall down.

Lie Yan stroked his head softly, “Little Ji Dong, you really didn’t disappoint me. I am starting to get more and more interested in you, did you know? Actually I didn’t want to see you again. Because of you, I became all too aware of the two words ‘daily routine.’ This is a constraint that I have no desire for. If you hesitated for even a moment just now, I could have hardened my heart and expelled you. Or if you didn’t say ‘Restore after breaking,’ I wouldn’t have continued to drink your cocktails. But now it looks like my ‘daily routine’ must continue. ‘Restore after breaking.’ What a great statement! Since we’ve already established a ‘daily routine,’ I suppose I need to do something about this ‘daily routine.’ What a weird feeling: on the one hand I want you to disappoint me and make me expel you; on the other hand I am hoping to be able to drink your cocktails forever! This is the first time in my whole life that I’ve had such a

feeling. Let me see how much longer you can make me continue, and how determined you are.”

While saying that, her hand with the two flames quietly turned over, marking the front of Ji Dong’s chest. Ji Dong’s body trembled slightly, and immediately two essences, red and blue, came seeping out of Ji Dong’s pores.

Pu—— The gold and black flames were momentarily ignited. The two surging flames abruptly swelled up in the red-colored bubble which was wrapped around Lie Yan and Ji Dong. It felt as if the Bing-fire and Ding-fire magic flowing out from Ji Dong’s body was fuel for the gold and black flames. At that very moment, on Ji Dong’s forehead, two crown stars in two colors appeared.

One crown star was in the middle, but it was not half blue and half red like when he was a level one apprentice. Now the red and blue lights flickered on the crown star, but they were throughout whole star! To the right of this crown star, on the right side of Ji Dong’s forehead, there is a double vision of a crown star, red on the outer layer and blue on the inner layer, also a full crown star!

Which of the teachers in Li -Huo academy could have thought that Ji Dong, with his balanced Yin-Yang body condition, a seemingly rubbish double attribute, was already a level 4 double fire apprentice? One needs to know that a second year student who becomes a level 4 apprentice will achieve top results in the end-of-term exam, and it is a standard result for third year students!

The conditions at the earth’s core lake was the best for his cultivation, but the four words ‘diligent, capable, invigorating, humble’ could be use on him without overexaggerating. This is also why Lie Yan asked him if he wants to be famous or wants to absorb her two special flame seeds. How could an eleven year old student with the strength of a Bing-Ding double-fire level 4 apprentice not cause a sensation?

While he was unconscious, Lie Yan’s voice sounded in his heart. This voice directly burned into his innermost heart, “While Bing-fire is also Yang-fire, my Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang Holy Fire is the purest Yang-fire, the ultimate Bing-fire. While Ding-fire is Yin-fire, my Ding-Si-Ming-Yin Spirit Fire is the purest Yin-fire, the ultimate Ding-fire. They are the lords of fire, having the ability to rule over all fires. Only reveal it if it is absolutely necessary to give you a better chance at

surviving. Now I will teach you a skill to moderate these two ultimate fires, the Godly Yin-Yang Seal. Using this, you will be able to contain these two ultimate fires' pure Yin and Yang strengths in your body, and only release their true might when you absolutely need it."

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Chapter 3

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EN: F1amet0ngue: What are the ultimate flames? Why are their names so long?

丙午元阳圣火-*Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang(-Sheng-Huo) Sacred Fire*,

丁巳冥阴灵火-*Ding-Ji-Ming-Yin(-Ling-Huo) Spirit Fire*

Some of these things were touched upon in earlier chapters. You should already be familiar with Bing and Ding of the 10 Heavenly Stems. Bing is the yang-attribute Heavenly Stem associated with fire and Ding is the yin-attribute Heavenly Stem associated with fire. Wu and Ji are Earthly Branches associated with yang and yin respectively. Although the 12 Earthly Branches do not seem to be directly associated with elements, a Heavenly Stem-Earthly Branch pair will carry the elemental attribute of the Heavenly Stem (The year Ren-Wu of the 60-year cycle would be affiliated with yang water). Alternatively, when talking about the power of the Five Elements and their Movements, Fire is defined by Bing-Wu and Ding-Ji (yang and yin). From this you can see how a normal Bing-fire Wizard only taps into a fraction of the Fire Element’s power, whereas someone with the Bing-Wu and Ding-Ji Flames could be said to wield the true power of Fire. As far as Yuan and Ming, they seem to be words that complement Yang and Yin respectively. I like to think of them as the Bing-Wu Primal Yang Sacred Fire and the Ding-Ji Abyssal Yin Spirit Fire.

Volume 2 Chapter 3: End of Term Exams

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Not knowing how much time had passed, Ji Dong awakened from his sleep. When he opened his eyes, he discovered that he was sitting in the cave at the wall. He was completely astonished.

The first thing that Ji Dong noticed was not the changes in his body, but the change in his perception. As far as he could see, the Magma Lake in front of him seemed to be clearer. Furthermore, he didn't need to reach out with his mind; all he needed to do was look with his eyes and he could easily differentiate between the enormous amounts of Bing-fire and Ding-fire elements concentrated over the lake, where the blue and red rays of light were converging into various streams. What a magnificent sight!

Not only that, he could even clearly see the fluctuations of the magma bubbles. His eyesight was far superior to before!

His vision was only one of the abnormally sensitive six senses that he was born with. Ji Dong could feel that they had all improved greatly, especially his sixth sense which had improved by several-fold.

Recalling the guidance Lie Yan offered when he was in the meditative state, he brought forth the power of the Godly Yin-Yang Seal in his heart while simultaneously focusing on his dual-system magic power.

When he first started cultivating, his Bing-Ding double-fire magic power was two points of light the size of mung beans. After a year of cultivation, these two light points grew to the size of fava beans and could be condensed before his chest at any time; however, Ji Dong discovered that his magic power has now returned to its initial level: the strength of a level 1 Apprentice. The difference was that the originally red and blue points of light had turned gold and black.

"This is the Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang Sacred Fire and the Ding-Ji-Ming-Yin Spirit Fire? The purest Yang-fire and the purest Yin-fire?" Ji Dong wasn't dispirited after the weakening of his magic power, but rather full of excitement. The moment he received the two-colored flame from Lie Yan, he could feel the extremely pure energy contained within. Magic power could be re-cultivated. He could use the following year to once again achieve the rank of a level 4 Apprentice, but the origin of his fire couldn't be obtained from cultivating, only from the extreme bodily change offered by these two unique fire attributes. Ji Dong knew that Lie Yan had given him an amazing gift!

"Lie Yan, thank you!" Ji Dong shouted in the direction of the Magma Lake.

A bright ray of light shot out from the center of the Magma Lake, stopping

right in front of Ji Dong. At that moment, Ji Dong realised that the red protection barrier that always protected him had disappeared. But even with it gone, he didn't feel the oppressive heat permeating the Magma Lake's world. It was as if he was in his own room, neither too warm nor too cold.

The light was precisely the empty glass. Lie Yan's voice sounded, "Don't be so surprised. The Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang Sacred Fire and the Ding-Ji-Ming-Yin Spirit Fire are both kings over all fire. Even though you have just fused with them, you already have a certain resistance towards fire. Remember to practice the Godly Yin-Yang Seal; you will be able to do this even when you return. Before you become more powerful, don't carelessly summon these ultimate fires. You have already used up your six hours today. Time for you to go back."

The Red Lotus appeared again and surrounded Ji Dong's body, thus sending him back quietly. When he returned to his room, he discovered that the sky was already starting to brighten up. It was almost time for his daily morning cultivation.

Placing the glass on the counter, a light smile appeared on Ji Dong's face as he thought to himself, "It has been one year. Lie Yan, have you finally started to accept me? I will absolutely not let you down. I will work even harder in the coming days.

The Godly Yin-Yang Seal could be cultivated during the times he was not not absorbing yin-yang magic power. He will restart the cultivation of his dual magic power. He was returned from being a level 4 apprentice to his original state as a level 1 apprentice and naturally needed to make a greater effort to restore his previous cultivation.

Sitting on his bed cross-legged, Ji Dong just started cultivating, but he was greatly surprised.

At first he spread his mind out slightly, and his heart instantly calmed down. Right after that, he could sense Bing-fire and Ding-fire elements, a hundredfold more clear than before. His mind spread out to fill his entire room, and even 30 meters beyond. Of course, the moment his mind reached out, the two fire seeds in his chest moved slightly, and then the two fire elements flowed towards his body several times faster than before. They transformed into red and blue light

points and entered his body.

But what surprised Ji Dong was that even though the range he could absorb the two fire elements increased a lot, these fire elements disappeared right after entering his body. He didn't feel that they that flowed towards his chest or that they condensed there.

Lie Yan didn't tell him that the the cultivation method of these two ultimate fires was completely different from his previous method that the teachers in the academy taught. "Perhaps Lie Yan wants me to understand it by myself." Ji Dong put more effort into absorbing the double elements from the outer world, while thinking about the change of the flames.

As Ji Dong began to understand the secret to cultivating the two new flames, the fire elements which entered his body slowly started to condense in his chest.

He could now absorb the fire elements from the outer world five times faster, but the result was no different than before. However, Ji Dong discovered that once these great amounts of dual fire-element entered his chest, although the absorption rate was off, their color was the same gold and black as those two fire seeds in his chest. With this he slowly understood that his former double-fire Level 4 Apprentice magic power was transformed into the ultimate double-fire Level 1 Apprentice magic power. His magic power shrank to one-fourth, and the strength itself was that of a Level 1 Apprentice from before, while the only change was the attribute of the fire. Despite the increased absorption speed of the fire elements, his body's magic power cultivation rate didn't change. This shows that in the process of absorption, most of the magic power was being purified by his Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang Sacred Fire and Ding-Ji-Ming-Yin Spirit Fire. Before it could be absorbed, it must be changed into the same attribute. That is why even though his absorption speed of the fire elements was four times faster, his magic power didn't increase any faster than before.

This was not a bad thing, but something great! With flames that need to be refined so much in order to enhance their fundamental properties, one could see how completely dominant these flames' attributes are. Also, when cultivating in the academy, the two fire elements are not unlimited. Wait until the time when he is cultivating at Lie Yan's place, where there are unlimited Bing-fire and Ding-fire elements. How could he not increase his cultivating speed? If his old

cultivation way was a small lane, then the two fire seeds which Lie Yan gifted him will, without question, let him enter the cultivation super highway!

After finishing his morning cultivation, Ji Dong simply washed his face and went to the canteen for breakfast. The moment he entered, he saw that Bi Su and Karl were already there. His two brothers were very excited today. When they saw Ji Dong, Bi Su immediately waved his hand at him, signaling him to come over, “Boss, we have already got your breakfast.”

Ji Dong sat down at the table, and asked the two of them while looking puzzled. “What’s with you two? Is there something to be happy about?”

Bi Su answered, “Boss, today is the end-of-term exam. It is time to test the results of our year-long cultivation. I heard that the headmaster himself will come. Look at the others. They don’t look very good. It’s clear their cultivation achievements are not that great. Those who are like us may have some good achievements. No matter which year, the students are the same.”

As Ji Dong just now remembered that today was the end-of-term exam, he could only laugh bitterly in his heart. Since he couldn’t let anyone know that his fires are variations, the level 1 Apprentice magic power will not make the teachers and Headmaster Yang very happy.

Each year’s students will take the exam, one after another, from low to high. The students of the Bing-fire and Ding-fire departments came together to the academy’s assembly hall.

Just like Bi Su said, Headmaster Yang sat in the middle of the platform, and beside him was a female teacher of similar age. There were also the other teachers of both departments, ten people in total.

Xia Tian, standing on the side of the platform, announced with his loud voice, “First year students, the end-of-term exam starts now. When I call your name, walk onto the podium and release your magic power and crown stars to be judged for your grade. The norm for first years is Level 2 Apprentice, Level 3 is outstanding. Let’s begin! Bing-fire element, Zhu Gui.”

Once they heard that name Ji Dong, Karl and Bi Su payed close attention. During this past year, Zhu Gui didn’t normally come and bully Bi Su, but she was

also not very sociable. She almost never associated with others, and after the lesson she would go directly back to her dorm room. It was said her family had paid a lot so that she could have her own room.

Zhu Gui's figure could only leave one speechless. Even though she was only 11, she already looked like a grown woman, tall and thin. Her face was expressionless as she strode up to the podium. After greeting Headmaster Yang, she raised her hands with her palm upwards. Pu! Suddenly two flames shot from her hands towards the sky, almost one meter high.

Immediately, surprised voices could be heard everywhere in the assembly hall. After all, of the students, only Ji Dong's group has seen the Zhu Gui's strength. On her forehead appeared three and a half ruby red stars.

Compared to the noisy first-year students, the teachers on the podium were really calm, as if they already knew Zhu Gui's true strength, which was stronger than her classmates. Yang Bing Tian nodded, pleased.

Xia Tian said, "Zhu Gui, Bing-fire element, Level 7 Apprentice. Grade: Excellent. Next is Bing-fire department, Karl."

The list of names in his hand was ordered according to the advancement of the students. Ji Dong was an exception. Because his cultivation was different than the Bing-fire and Ding-fire element, teachers wouldn't pay too much attention to this balanced Yin-Yang trash. As such, his name was last.

Karl really didn't disappoint Xia Tian. The same red flame also rose from his hands. Although it was weaker than Zhu Gui's, two full stars proved his strength as a Bing-fire element level 4 apprentice. To be able to become a Level 4 Apprentice as a first year, there is no question about his inborn talent and his efforts. Compared to Zhu Gui, Xia Tian liked Karl more, and a small smile appeared on his always fierce-looking face.

The examination went rather fast. After all, everyone from six years of academy students needed to finish the end-of-term exam this day. Also every student only needs to go onto the podium and release their magic power to finish the exam. Each and every one of them went on and off the podium like they were passing through a revolving door.

Most of the students were Level 2 Apprentices, and once in awhile there would

be a Level 3

Apprentice, but all of them would get the approval of Xia Tian and get an excellent grade.

After arriving at the Ding-fire department, the first one to enter the podium was impressively Bi Su. Before he walked up, he especially threw a provoking glance at the Zhu Gui, but she didn't even look at him, and was standing there silently at the leading spot of the Bing-fire department students.

A blue flame shot up, branching out from BiSu's palm. Impressively, two blue crown stars appeared on his forehead, and like Karl he now had the strength of a Level 4 Apprentice. He was, without question, the representative of the Ding-fire Department.

One should know that even though Bi Su and Karl have 8 ½ body attributes, in order to rise to Level 4 Apprentices, they couldn't have invested any less time than Ji Dong. Only those who cultivate everyday in addition to having inborn talent could have such a grade. Of course, Ji Dong once ate two crystal crowns given by Yang Bing Tian, and before getting the two ultimate fires, his Bing-Ding magic power was already nearing a Level 5 Apprentice. He had risen even higher than Karl and Bi Su.

The Ding-fire department exam was slowly coming to an end, and when Xia Tian called Ji Dong's name out, he also closed the first-year roster.

Ji Dong sighed in his heart, 'What comes will come.' He never thought a day would come when he would lose face like this. Even though he was slowly accepting his identity in this world, he could never forget his identity in his former world, especially his pride as the God of Liquor.

When he walked onto the podium, the first thing he met was Yang Bing Tian's smile and a slight appeasing expression. This past year Yang Bing Tian was like Lie Yan, able to drink one cup of the fine liquor mixed by Ji Dong each day. He would also offer Ji Dong a few suggestions about his cultivation, and give him some deeper knowledge about Yin-Yang wizardry. Perhaps because he was not very confident in Ji Dong's balanced Yin-Yang body condition, he never asked about Ji Dong's cultivation progress.

Standing there, Ji Dong didn't raise his hands because a Level 1 Apprentice

couldn't release flames. With a slight thought, the red and blue crown star quickly appeared, revealing a Level 1 Apprentice's single crown star, as if he has just used the crystal crowns.

Chapter 4

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Volume 2 Chapter 4: The First Time Meeting Zhu Tian

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“Ji Dong, Bing-Ding double-fire element, Level 1 Apprentice. Grade: failure.” Xia Tian declared while frowning, disappointment and dissatisfaction clearly filling his eyes. Yang Bing Tian, sitting directly in front of Ji Dong, sighed slightly, and his eyes were also filled with disappointment. Even though he knew that it was very difficult for Ji Dong to become a Yin-Yang Wizard, he still had a glimmer of hope after giving him the two crystal crowns; however, it seems that after a year of cultivation, Ji Dong did not progress even the slightest bit. As the teacher looked at Ji Dong, he could not help but furrow his brow, since it seemed obvious that Ji Dong would be unable to condense his Yin-Yang Crown at this rate.

Xia Tian said in a deep voice, “OK, the end-of-term exams for the first year students have now ended. Leave in orderly fashion. Ji Dong, stay.”

The first year students walked out single file, with Bisu and Karl at the rear. When they walked past the podium, they looked at Ji Dong with worried gazes. According to Li Huo Academy’s rules, if one fails the exam they would be asked to leave the academy, regardless of age. This was because if one failed the exam, there was no hope that they could become a Yin-Yang-Wizard and would also be a waste of time for them to continue their studies. If they for some reason continued their studies, it would not only affect the frequency of them ascending to the next grade, but will also have an impact on the academy’s reputation. At the same time, there was also benefits to the students who were asked to leave after all as even if the students couldn’t become a Yin-Yang-Wizard, they could still use their youth to learn other things.

After the first years walked out in succession, inside the auditorium only the teachers and Ji Dong were left standing on the podium.

Xia Tian walked up to Ji Dong and said in a heavy voice, “Ji Dong, you know the academy’s rules. The academy gave you the best education this past year, but you still couldn’t advance. There are only two possibilities for you to be unable to increase your strength: one is that you didn’t train hard enough, the other is that you don’t have the talent to become a Yin-Yang Wizard. As your home teacher, no matter which it is, I must advise you to leave our Li Huo Academy.”

Last night Ji Dong was full of confidence regarding today’s exam. He naturally hadn’t considered this problem. Now he was startled by Xia Tian’s decision to persuade him to withdraw from the academy. The education quality at Li Huo Academy was really good. He learned a lot during the last year. Aside from this, there was another reason why he didn’t want to leave; where was he supposed to get all the money for a private bar with finest liquor of this world? Without a bar, how could he mix drinks for Lie Yan?

If you were to say that mixing drinks for Headmaster Yang Bing Tian was his job, then mixing drinks for Lie Yan would be his greatest desire.

Thinking to this point, Ji Dong said a little impatiently, “Teacher Xia Tian, I worked really hard, please give me one more chance. I will make it through next year’s end-of-term exam.”

Xia Tian frowned and shook his head, “Ji Dong, how many chances can a person have in one life? Since you didn’t grab this one, then you have already missed your chance. The school rule is ironclad: Since you didn’t make it through the exam, then you don’t have the qualification to continue studying at this academy. Besides, your balanced Yin-Yang body condition is really not suitable for becoming a Yin-Yang Wizard. If you continue, it would only be a waste of time. Go and pack your things. I will send you away tomorrow. Maybe this is a much better path for you.”

At just this moment, a sharp voice sounded out from the teacher’s section, “Xia Tian, this kid is rubbish, why are you wasting so much time talking to him? Just have him leave! There are still five years of students to be examined.”

Ji Dong turned his head towards the voice. It belonged to a middle aged man, about 40 years old, with a gloomy and cold appearance, white skin, and a sharp voice. You could tell this was a Ding-fire department teacher, but he didn’t pay

much attention to him.

Xia Tian glared at that teacher, “Teacher Liu Jun please pay attention to your manners. My student is not rubbish.”

Liu Jun snorted, “If he is not rubbish, then why is he still a Level 1 Apprentice? I really don’t know why he was permitted to enter the school. Yin-Yang in balance is a once-in-a-hundred-years rubbish! And you found one!”

“YOU...” Xia Tian was instantly enraged. His violent temperament was always at the point of explosion, and he was about to blow up.

“Enough”, Yang Bing Tian finally opened his mouth. He waved his hand at Xia Tian, hinting at him to calm down. At the same time, he looked towards the teacher with the name Liu Jun, “Teacher Liu, you need to mind your tongue. No matter what sort of student he is, since he came to our academy to study then he is part of the academy. There are many reasons for poor performance during the exams. That is why I don’t want to hear something like that in the future; we need to respect every student.”

Liu Jun resentfully didn’t respond. Yang Bing Tian turned his gaze towards Ji Dong, sighing slightly. In front of so many teachers, he couldn’t be selfish. He gave Ji Dong two crystal crowns, and one could say he did his best. The result at this moment was not unexpected, but this Headmaster didn’t want to accept it. After drinking a glass of fine liquor mixed for him by Ji Dong every day, it has not only already become a habit, at the same time, he really come to care for this uncommunicative boy who has an absolute skill at mixing.

“Ji Dong, this is the academy’s rule. I hope you can understand. You can go back for now.” Even though he was unwilling, he felt the same as Xia Tian-letting Ji Dong continue to stay is only a waste of time. After all, he failed the exam, and the other teachers will not let this pass. He already made his decision: after all the students finish their exams and the holiday begins, he will take Ji Dong to the Bartender’s Guild. That place is the most suitable stage for Ji Dong.

At just this moment, the door of the assembly hall was opened and four people came in.

“Who is acting so impudently!” That Ding fire-department teacher just had nowhere else vent his anger. Since all teachers were here, it meant only students

could have come in.

It really was students who came in, but when Liu Jun saw the person at front, he instantly stopped his reprimanding speech. His expression was instantly replaced by a smile. But Xia Tian frowned steadily, and said in a deep voice, “Who permitted you to come in? Don’t you know this is the end-of-term exam? Zhu Tian, you are already a sixth year student and still don’t know about this rule?”

Of the four who came in, Ji Dong knew three: Karl, Bi Su and Zhu Gui. At the forefront was a 16-17 year old youth with a slender physique and a grand bearing who resembled Zhu Gui. Although he wasn’t very old, his entire being was emitting an indescribable aura, and as he walked, he gave the impression of a flying dragon or a loping tiger.

“Teacher Xia Tian, all the teachers, and the two headmasters, I’m sorry for the distribution. I heard from Xiao Gui that there is a balanced Yin-Yang double cultivator in the first year class. I hope that you teachers can give junior brother another chance. Let him try the exam again next year.”

Zhu Tian’s voice was clear, bright and powerful, but neither servile nor overbearing. Ji Dong looked at him a little surprised, and then he looked at Zhu Gui who was behind Zhu Tian, and at Karl and Bi Su who had worried faces. He never thought that Zhu Gui would come and help him.

Xia Tian said in a deep voice, “Zhu Tian, you should know the academie rules”

Zhu Tian smiled, “Teacher Xia Tian, rule are inflexible, but men are flexible. This Junior Ji Dong is cultivating the not-so-often-seen double element, which is different than that of other students. Perhaps his cultivation will rise rapidly next year.”

“Enough” Xia Tian shouted, “Zhu Tian, you must remember that you are a student of the Li Huo Academy and have no right to meddle with the decisions of the academy, now get out. As punishment for rashly charging into the assembly hall, you have to run one lap round around the city, to be carried out immediately.”

Zhu Tian was startled, and looked at him with a strange expression, then he turned around and looked at Zhu Gui with a helpless expression.

“Student Zhu Tian is also right; Rules are inflexible, but men are flexible. Ji Dong really didn’t pass the exam. But he has to make his own decisions for his life.” Yang Bing Tian said to Ji Dong, “Ji Dong, you have two choices: one is to leave the academy, and the other is, if you are willing, to take courses as an auditor. Before the sixth year you don’t need to take the exams, but you are not a really student either. Of course, if you changed your mind, you can leave the academy at any time. After the sixth year, you only need to pass the exams to be counted as a graduate of the Li Huo Academy.”

EN: word of the day: auditor-a university student registered for a course without credit and without obligation to do work assigned to the class, someone who audits a course.

Audit student? This is ok too! Ji Dong doesn’t mind as long as he doesn’t need to leave the academy. What made him curious is that, including teacher Liu Jun who spoke up before, nobody said a thing about the obvious shielding of Headmaster Yang Bing Tian.

“I am willing to stay an audit student.” Ji dong immediately answered.

Yan Bing Tian smiled, “Ok, all of you can leave now. But you heard what teacher Xia Tian said. Ji Dong, they came to help you, so you will take part in the punishment too-one lap around the city.

“Yes.”

When Ji Dong exited the assembly hall, BiSu and Karl hugged him and exclaimed “Boss, now you don’t have to withdraw! Now we can graduate together! Very good!”

“It might not be something good for him” The clear and bright voice of Zhu Tian sounded. Bi su and Karl looked at him, shocked.

Zhu Tian looked at Ji Dong, “I have never heard of a person with balanced Yin-Yang who could become a Yin-Yang Wizard. Junior brother, if you want to succeed, then you need to put in a great effort.”

Ji Dong said sincerely, “Senior Zhu Tian, thank you.”

Zhu Tian waved his hand, “No need to thank me. If you want to thank someone, then thank Xiao Gui. I will now go and finish the punishment. Bye.”

While saying that, he turned around, and before you could say “get set,” he was already gone. He shot off like an arrow, a Bing-fire department school uniform exiting the academy, and between the jumps it appeared as if he was flying above the ground. The three with Ji Dong couldn’t help but praise, how fast.

Ji Dong turned towards Zhu Gui, and was about to say something, “You don’t need to thank me. You are a member of the Bing-fire depart. Also, I only helped you because I know that you weren’t slacking off.”

Ji Dong was startled, “How did you know that I wasn’t being lazy?”

Zhu Gui said unenthusiastically, “Could a lazy person run his rounds and train his strength regardless of rain, hail or shine? But whether you can become a Yin-Yang wizard is up to you. Nobody can help you in this matter. I hope that you will be an adversary for me during the graduation exam.”

After saying that, she turned around and ran after Zhu Tian.

Watching the back of the departing Zhu Gui, BiSu couldn’t help but say, “Shouldn’t this tomboy have no desirable points? Why is she some how cute today?”

Karl snorted unhappily, “Forget about it. Every day there is somebody thinking about taking revenge on her.”

Bi Su answered, “Those are two different things. I didn’t forget the shame she brought upon me. But this tomboy isn’t really that annoying.”

Ji Dong said, “Can you guys explain what just happened? Why did all the teachers give Senior Zhu Tian face when he appeared?”

Karl said, “Senior Zhu Tian is a prominent person in our academy. Boss, you really don’t pay attention to the outside world! Senior Zhu Tian already condensed his Yin-Yang Crown during his fourth year, and started to train in magic skill and power. He will graduate this year, and is one of the recommended students of our academy. At the same time he is Zhu Gui’s brother. The moment we left the assembly hall, we had a bad feeling that you would be advised to withdraw. Just when had no idea what to do, Zhu Gui run to her brother, and you know what happened next. We really need to thank Zhu Gui this time.”

Ji Dong nodded, “I will repay her for her kindness someday.”

Bi Su was a little worried, “Boss, Just now Zhu Tian said that staying in school might be a waste of your time. You....”

Ji Dong laughed and said, “What? You don’t have faith in me? Since I choose to stay, then I will not give up. But you guys need to give it your all too. Since Senior Zhu Tian could condense the Yin-Yang crown in the fourth year, then why couldn’t you? Let’s give our best all together.”

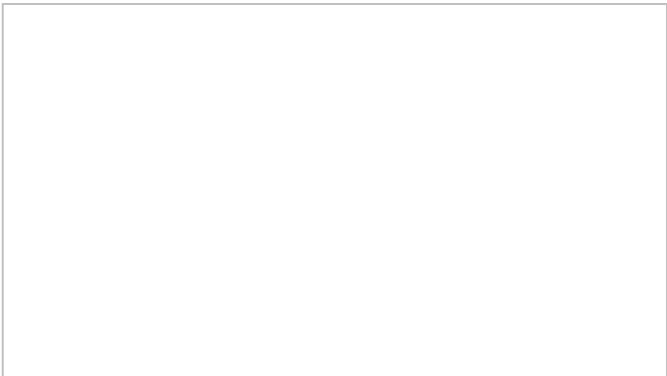
Piling their three hands together, they looked at each other with encouragement and confidence.

When Ji Dong returned to his dorm room, he was clearly relaxed since he could finally stay. Also, he will not have any problems before the graduation. This school year is finished, and there will be three months of vacation. He will stay in the academy, after all he has nowhere to go. Maybe he could talk a little to Lie Yan and see if he could increase the time he’s allowed to train by her side. Wouldn’t it be a waste of time otherwise? Restarting from the beginning, he has an even brighter path ahead.

Vol. 2 Chapter 5: Level 10 Bing-Ding Double-Fire Department Apprentice

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[EN: FLameT0ngue: Tai Chi Yin Yang should be familiar to everyone-some pictures for fun.]



Kaifeng Tai Chi



Gold Yin Yang



Tai Chi Fish

[EN: FLameT0ngue: again, a picture's worth a thousand words. This hand placement is apparently called Venus Hands, or Venus Seal (most LN refer to hand placements as various hand seals)- don't know if this hand seal has the same name/implications in Chinese as it does in English-or if it even has a name in Chinese]



Venus Seal

[EN: M2t5: Please thank FlameT0ngue for the lesson~]

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Three years later. Night.

Ji Dong sat on his bed, silent. He seemed to have grown up; his height had stretched to 1.70 meters, and maybe because of his past life, his demeanor seemed to be unusually calm and steady.

These past three years as an audit student left Ji Dong's life truly free and unfettered. Yang Bing Tian's decision to let Ji Dong stay wasn't without his own selfish reason: if Ji Dong stayed then he could continue to taste fine liquors!

Studying as an audit student had certain benefits. Ji Dong could decide his schedule; he could choose how to spend his time, training or gaining knowledge from either of the Bing-fire or Ding-fire departments.

After incessant wheedling, Ji Dong convinced Lie Yan to allow him to increase the duration of his stay at the magma lake by two hours. He didn't waste a second of his time during these three years.

It was now the end of Ji Dong's fourth year at the Li Huo Academy, and nobody knew how strong Ji Dong had become.

His body was like an unending abyss. The surface of his skin flickered with red and blue lights as Bing and Ding fire elements relentlessly entered his body. Five complete crown stars rested upon his forehead. The central crown star flickered both red and blue while it was flanked by half-blue half-red crowns on the left and right; however the crown stars were distinctly different. The two crown stars on the left were blue on top and red on bottom, while the right two crown stars were red on top and blue on bottom. Clearly the main element on the left side of his body was Ding-fire while the main element on his right was Bing-Fire. This arrangement of elements was the reason for Ji Dong's weird crown stars. But regardless of color, having five complete stars could only mean one thing.

He was a level 10 Bing-Ding Double-fire Element Apprentice.

That's right, with three years of hard training, and the time he spent at the Earth's Core Lake, Ji Dong's strength had grown tremendously. With the help of the two fire seeds given to him by Lie Yan, the Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang Holy Fire and the Ding-Si-Ming-Yin Spirit Fire, he had recently become a level 10 apprentice.

Additionally, as per their agreement three years ago, BiSu and Karl, who were originally talented, had also arrived at this stage, and had begun to condense their YinYang crowns. Due to their outstanding performance, they were currently training behind closed doors, attempting to condense their YinYang crowns under the guidance of their respective teachers, Qiu Tian and Xia Tian.

Zhu Gui, however, had already condensed her YinYang Crown in her third year. She chose not to stay at Li Huo Academy, but instead was directly recommended to a higher education establishment. Rumor has it that she went to the same YinYang Wizard Academy as her brother Zhu Tian, but nobody knew exactly where she went.

BiSu and Karl had become the stars of Li Huo Academy after Zhu Gui left. Who would take notice of an audit student like Ji Dong? Even Yan Bing Tian would rarely ask Ji Dong about his training. However the old headmaster was anything but insincere, and he often talked to Ji Dong about taking him to the Bartender's Guild, but Ji Dong always declined his offer.

At the end of Ji Dong's half hour of balanced Ding-Bing Fire Element training, he opened his eyes, and a golden light flashed in the depths of his pupils as his gaze landed on his hands. With a thought, two fires emerged from the palms of his hands.

The fire in his left palm was blue Ding-Fire, while the fire in his right palm was red Bing-Fire. It was very bizarre sight to see, a blue fire and a red fire being raised by same person.

Ji Dong's eyes changed. His left pupil darkened, becoming an extremely deep black, while his right pupil brightened, becoming golden. In that moment, Ji Dong's aura changed, exuding an oppressive aura. It was as if he had become a ruler who pitied his realm.

Ji Dong's five crown stars also changed. The red lights were replaced by gold while the blue lights were replaced by black. While the central crown alternated between gold and black light.

A strong majestic aura came from the gold colored eye and crowns. This gold color actually came from the Bing Wu Yuan Yang Holy Fire, and were filled with the purest Yang energy.

An abstruse aura could be felt from the black eye and crowns. This black color came from the Ding Si Ming Yin Spirit Fire and was permeated with the purest Yin energy.

The light flashed once and then the gold and black faded, Ji Dong's eyes and crowns once again becoming normal. The Goldy YinYang Seal quietly hid inside Ji Dong's ultimate fires.

The Goldy YinYang Seal was a technique to use your thoughts to control the element of one's magic power. While it didn't change the origin of Ji Dong's magic power, it decreased the YinYang property, making it seem as though he was releasing flames equal to those of a normal Bing Ding Double Element student without a trace. This was without question a very useful ability, the best method to conceal one's true strength.

Not only could it control the attribute of Ji Dong's flames, but it could also control his apparent magic power. He could appear to be at any level of power he wished, as long as it was under his current cultivation. Not only would his

aura become thinner, but the crown stars on his forehead would also change. Even after condensing his YinYang Crown, he could lower his magic power output to baffle his enemies.

Putting out his flame, a pleased smile appeared on Ji Dong's face. After staying here for four years, he could finally take a step towards becoming a true YinYang Wizard. 'Yesterday, Lie Yan said that I could start condensing my YinYang Crown this evening.' A feeling of excitement arose in his heart, but before he could go to the Magma Lake, he had to mix a glass of liquor for Yang Bing Tian. To this day, he had fulfilled his promise. For Ji Dong, fulfilling a promise was not a standard of honesty, but the basic standard of being human.

Ji Dong arrived outside of Yang Bing Tian's office and knocked, in his hand was a glass of fine liquor.

"Ji Dong, come in." Yang Bing Tian's deep and heavy voice came from inside. Only after he was invited did Ji Dong enter, he walked up to Yang Bing Tian's desk and set down the glass.

Yang Bing Tian couldn't help but be a little stunned when looking at Ji Dong. This kid who had been in rags four years ago had now grown into a good-looking youth. These four years had gone by in a flash, but no matter what, each day, regardless of how sick or tired, Ji Dong would unfailingly come at the same time to deliver a new glass of fine liquor to his room. This toughness and persistence displayed was beyond far beyond the youth's years.

"Head master Yang, I will leave now." After putting down the glass, he greeted Yang Bing Tian as usual and was about to leave.

"Ji Dong, wait for a moment." Yang Bing Tian looked like he had come to a decision.

Ji Dong asked, puzzled, "Is there something else?"

Yang Bing Tian sighed, "Ji Dong, you have already attended my academy for four years. Throughout these four years you have mixed amazing liquors for me, but I couldn't fulfill my promise to help you become a YinYang Wizard. You can't afford to waste any more time here. Pack your things, at the end of the semester I will bring you to the Bartender's Guild. Don't ruin your future for my selfish desires."

Ji Dong was startled for a moment before smiling, "It has been my own decision to stay here. I enjoy being here."

Yang Bing Tian said, "I know that you, Bi Su and Karl are good friends, but they will shortly condense their YinYang Crown. Geniuses like them will continue to advance, and to complement their growth, I will directly recommend them to higher academies. If they are leaving, why should you stay? While you are young, this age is the most important time to develop, you can't waste it."

Ji Dong nodded, "Thank you, Headmaster Yang. But let's talk about this after the end of this semester, I must think about this a little more."

Yang Bing Tian took the cocktail and smiled, "Be at ease, even if I can't bring you to the general headquarters of the Bartender Guild, I can at least give a recommendation for the Bartender's Guild in the Southern Fire Empire where I have some influence. I think you will have a bright future there."

After taking his leave from Yang Bing Tian, Ji Dong returned to his room. He thought to himself, 'Headmaster Yang, I will give you a pleasant surprise this end of term exam. I will leave with Karl and Bi Su. Zhu Gui, even if I couldn't face you here in the Li Huo Academy, I will catch up to you in the higher academies.'

Standing behind the bar, a smile slowly spread across Ji Dong's face. The gentle smile was filled with the steadily growing feeling from the past four years. Even if it was a secret love, in his heart it was deeply engraved. Not knowing when, the shaker had jumped into his hand, and a liquor bottle, without even looking, was already toppling over in his palm. The shaker started dancing in his hands, flying around with dazzling colors. His concentrated feelings were freed without holding back.

The liquor entered the glass, then, right hand over his heart, he silently called the name he could never forget. The red lotus rolled up and surrounded Ji Dong, and enveloped by that red light, he slowly disappeared.

The familiar surge of heat imbued with Bing-Ding fire element surrounded Ji Dong's body. He has never entered nor had he the ability to enter the lake, but he understood the surrounding area like the back of his hand. After all, he had spent more than thousand nights here.

"Are you prepared?" the gentle voice of Lie Yan sounded. Like a condensation

of light, she appeared out of the air and took the glass from him.

Looking at Lie Yan deeply, as was his habit, it was almost as if he wanted to engrave Lie Yan's figure even more deeply into his heart.

It has already been four years, but he never asked Lie Yan where she came from. Also these four years did not leave any sign of aging on Lie Yan. She was just as captivating as the first time Ji Dong met her, still so perfectly beautiful.

"I think I am ready." Ji Dong lifted his two hands. Here, he doesn't need to hold back. At the same time, the golden Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang Holy Fire and the black Ding-Si-Ming-Yin Spirit Fire rose several meters from both of his hands. Five gold and black colored crown stars appeared on his forehead and became very dazzling.

Lie Yan nodded, "Since you are prepared, then let's begin. This is the most important time for your training. No matter what you are feeling, your attention must not waver. I can only be the guide, and you can only rely on your own strength to genuinely condense the YinYang Crown."

Ji Dong clenched both of his fists -puff-the flame on both of his hands extinguished, "I will be successful." These four simple words were filled with incomparably steadfast conviction and perseverance; furthermore it contained the pride from his past life.

As Lie Yan slowly tasted the liquor, her foot lightly moved. Ji Dong could only sense a flash in front of his eyes and Lie Yan had already circled around Ji Dong. Immediately adjacent, Ji Dong could clearly see that in the magma lake, right under their feet, the lava was bubbling up. A big column of flame with a diameter of five meters rose up.

Ji Dong was not surprised at this kind of change, and he wouldn't let his thoughts waver in the slightest. He believed that Lie Yan will not harm him.

The lava column stopped right under their feet as Lie Yan freed one of her hands. As if she consciously pressed down on the fire column, it immediately consolidated into something with substance. The very top turned into a round platform. A very familiar pattern appeared in front of his eyes. It was impressively the Tai Chi YinYang fish. But the difference in this one was that the normally white part was replaced with gold.*

Tai Chi is divided into two aspects, Yin and Yang . Why does Lie Yang also know about this pattern in this world?

Before Ji Dong could think more about it, Lie Yan said, “Sit down cross legged, you can start now. No need to think much about it, I will stay by your side.”

Without needing Lie Yan to explain, Ji Dong sat down on the middle of the YinYang fish. He was surprised to discover that the Double-fire element was not the normal Bing-Ding fire element, but it was the same as his core attribute: the ultimate Yang Bing-Wu-element and the ultimate Yin Ding-Si-element. Lie Yan had clearly created the best environment for him to condense his Ying-Yang crown.

Closing his eyes, Ji Dong placed his hands on his legs palms up, crossing the fingers of his left hand with the fingers of his right hand, except for his thumbs which were placed one on top of the other. Like the yinyang of his body, he also kept himself in the state of balance.

The double element magic power lit up, and the five crown stars on his forehead became especially distinct. After four years of tough training, he was finally about to condense his YinYang crown.

Over the past four years, he acquired a lot of knowledge. The YinYang Crown is the symbol of the YinYang Wizard, at the same time it also represents strength. The human body’s capacity is limited, and after a certain concentration of one of the five elements, even the most mellow earth element, the body couldn’t bear any more elemental energy. In order to continue advancing, the energy had to be condensed into the YinYang Crown. That is why the YinYang Crown is the origin and foundation of the magic power of the YinYang wizard.

Vol 2. Chapter 6: Condensing the Ying-Yang Crown

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To be exact, the human body could only support a certain amount of elemental power, and that was the amount of a level 10 Apprentice. Even though the body will be refined by the element through continued training, after one becomes a level 10 Apprentice, the refining process cannot match with the increase of the magic power. If an apprentice forcibly continued cultivating, then it would only backfire on them.

The Yin-Yang Crown is the concentration of one's magic power, compressed into a bizarre elemental form and condensed over the chest. The compressing and condensing makes it so that the elemental magical power absorbed will not harm one's body. This was the so called Yin-Yang Crown. Of course, if a Wizard needs to fight, then he will release his Yin-Yang Crown to link it with the elements to which it originally belonged in the external world, and form a Yin-Yang Crown on the the top of his head.

Due to the origin of the Yin-Yang Crown, it has a strong attraction towards elements of the same elemental magic power. That is why, after forming the Yin Yang Crown, a Yin-Yang Wizard will have a layer of Yin-Yang protection barrier. The stronger the Yin-Yang Wizard, the stronger this protection barrier will be and it is deployed by attracting the surrounding element. To put it simply, if a low-level Yin-Yang Wizard sneaks an attack on a high-level Yin-Yang Wizard, the attack would not actually destroy the protection barrier. At the same time, once the Yin-Yang Crown attracts the dissociated elemental power from one's surroundings into a barrier, these elements can then be easily fused with the same element inside the Wizard's body and absorbed. That is why after condensing the Yin-Yang Crown, the training speed of the Wizard will greatly increase.

After condensing the Yin-Yang Crown, all Yin-Yang Wizards seek a way to increase their strength. The stronger one's own source is, the stronger the absorbed energy when the Crown is released, which is also directly proportional to how powerful the Wizard becomes. A Yin-Yang Wizard's level is also derived from this. At the moment, what Ji Dong needed to do was to condense his Yin-Yang Crown and enter the next stage of cultivation. Only after entering this stage could he be called Yin-Yang Wizard, and only then could he register with a guild, and enjoy the status of a Yin-Yang Wizard.

Of course, a Yin-Yang Wizard usually either condenses a Yin Crown or a Yang Crown, but what Ji Dong needed to condense was a true Yin-Yang Crown: a Bing-Ding Double-Fire Element Yin-Yang Crown.

A normal Yin-Yang Wizard only needs to compress the magic power in his body during the condensation of his Yin-Yang Crown. When the magic power is compressed to a certain degree, then it will automatically form a Crown, containing the magic power inside of it, and finish the leveling process.

But when Ji Dong started the condensing process, he discovered a problem. Being a double element Yin-Yang Apprentice, what he needed to do was not only compress the magic power, but he also needed to keep Yin-Yang in balance. To keep the Bing-fire and Ding-fire in balance during the compressing process was an impossible task.

The fact that there was no dual-attribute Yin-Yang Wizard throughout history was not because there was nobody with balanced Yin-Yang who tried to train. It was not that there was no one with willpower who could put forth great effort, but any who tried couldn't succeed in the end because they were stopped at the doorway of condensing the Yin-Yang Crown. During the procedure of compressing magic power, it steadily changes its form; how could that be balanced? Even a slight balance couldn't be maintained. During this time, the absorption speed of the element was constantly changing, and Ji Dong could not control them with his mind. Especially since he possessed the extremely strong, purest Yang Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang-Sacred-Fire and the extremely flexible, purest Yin Ding-Si-Ming-Yin-Spirit-Fire. These two fires are much more difficult to control in comparison to the normal Bing-fire and Ding-fire. Their attributes are too strong!

Originally, when they were left by themselves, everything was okay, but now they were being compressed. These two different flames needed to be fused in order to be compressed. Under this condition, they were repelling each other, making it very difficult for Ji Dong. The moment he brought the two flames together, a problem arose.

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Boom——, Ji Dong felt as if his chest was going to explode! The Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang-Sacred-Fire and Ding-Si-Ming-Yin-Spirit-Fire started to unleash heavy attacks on each other, as if they want to make his chest explode. He tried to control it with all he had, but how is it easy to control the chaos after these two ultimate fires collide? The two magic powers coming together was like two enemies meeting: exceptionally furious, wildly attacking each other, and Ji Dong's chest was their battlefield.

It had been a long time since he felt hot, but at this moment he felt as if his whole body was about burst into flames. His heartbeat was racing, and he was sweating like a pig. The two ultimate fires, having just collided, were now like two magnets attracting each other. Even if he wanted to pull them apart and stop the process of condensing the Yin-Yang Crown, he couldn't.

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But even if it was like this, Ji Dong was not worried. While struggling to maintain control, he could also keep himself calm for no other reason than that Lie Yan was besides him. The master of the 18th Layer of the Earth's Core, the Empress Lie Yan, was there, so how could he be worried?

At just this moment, Lie Yan interfered. Under these circumstances she could not wait. If the two ultimate fires clash for too long, then Ji Dong would not be able to stop the destructive strike. That is why as soon as Ji Dong felt great pain, Lie Yan placed one of her slender jade-like hands onto his chest.

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“Break~~”, a light sound came from Lie Yan's mouth. Ji Dong could instantly feel that, in his chest, everything stopped. The area where the two ultimate fires had been fighting each other a second before was now bogged down. Immediately following, another even stronger rumble could be heard from his chest.

With that loud sound, Ji Dong didn't feel any more pain. His head was blank,

his six senses were reduced to the minimum, and only with his mind could he tell that the ultimate fire magic power that he gathered over the past four years felt like it was being hit by a gigantic hammer, shattering with a loud bang. It turned into innumerable streams flowing through his whole body.

Every thread of the ultimate fires were burning comfortably in his meridians, flowing rapidly inside his body. Also, the enormous amount of Bing-Wu element and Ding-Si element, which was produced by the Yin-Yang fish made by Lie Yan's magic power, were entering Ji Dong's body madly.

Lie Yan's expression was very calm. She did not even forget to sip the liquor, for the magic power Ji Dong had right then was too weak and could be easily controlled by her. So long as she was there, there would be no problems.

As his six senses slowly returned, an unbearable pain made Ji Dong's body shake. His skin, meridians, bones, organs — everything felt like it was burning. The seven apertures of his head were spewing either gold or black flames.

This was true purification. This was something that would not happen when a normal Bing-fire or Ding-fire element Yin-Yang Wizard condensed his Crown, else he would be burned to death once he burned all the magic power he had gathered.

But Ji Dong was different. Even though his collected magic power was being rapidly consumed, it was instantly replenished by the Bing-Wu element and the Ding-Si element from outside his body. He was like a metal full of impurities being refined by these two fires. The temperature of the refinement was steadily rising, and the pain was also rising.

At this moment, Lie Yan looked serious, not serious about controlling the energy, but she was watching over the condition of Ji Dong's body seriously. The moment Ji Dong couldn't take it anymore, she would stop the process.

Every Yin-Yang Wizard only has one chance in his life to condense the Yin-Yang Crown, and his body will be refined during this process. Laying the absolute best foundation is the most important part, and it would impact Ji Dong's future training. That is why Lie Yan wanted Ji Dong to bear the refining process to his absolute limit.

Ji Dong's body refinement quickly reached the condition that Lie Yan wanted,

but she discovered to her surprise that, unlike she predicted, Ji Dong's body still hadn't reached his limit. Even though he was struggling and in pain, his will was still resolute, and there was not a single sign of it crumbling.

Will power is the greatest strength of humankind. As long as there is the least bit of will, the human body could develop unbelievable potential. Ji Dong's whole body was burning. Lie Yan had also experienced that pain and she knew its terror.

No longer drinking the liquor, a serious expression appeared on Lie Yan's face. Even though Ji Dong could still endure, she needed to pay more attention. According to the normal principle, he should have already gone over his limit, and could collapse any moment.

At the same time, Lie Yan showed an expression of admiration. Four years had passed, and Ji Dong repeated the same training every day, but the cocktail he mixed for her each day had a different taste and brought her a different feeling. Although Lie Yan could feel that a hidden power in the cocktails he mixed for her was silently changing her, she was unwilling to throw away that feeling. Without noticing, it had already been four years. Over the course of these four years a youth had slowly grown up under her care.

Nobody knew better than her how much Ji Dong had invested in these four years. He didn't slack off for even a single day. How else could he become a level 10 Apprentice after only three years of training from the time she gifted him the two ultimate fire seeds? Just as, in Ji Dong's eyes, everything about Lie Yan was perfect, Lie Yan could also not find a single fault with everything that Ji Dong did during these four years. There were times when Lie Yan wanted to tell Ji Dong that he should rest for a day, but she could not bring herself to say it because she knew that such perseverance was really good for Ji Dong's future.

The purification was still continuing. Ji Dong's body was like a fireball, sometimes golden, sometimes black. And because this process was extremely painful his facial muscles appeared contorted. The impurities within his body had already been purified by the purest Yin and purest Yang flames. These two flames had already thoroughly blended into every part of his body. With Lie Yan controlling this purification process, it allowed his body to become even more purified.

Lie Yan did not help him with his training. The strength achieved by his own effort was the most praiseworthy one, whereas strength provided by external support would only hinder his future. If Ji Dong knew how Lie Yan was guiding his future, then he would be really surprised. Unfortunately, it wouldn't be until much later when he understood what she did for him.

Enough, Lie Yan couldn't bear to continue watching Ji Dong struggle in pain. He wouldn't get more advantages by continuing, and what he achieved was already good enough. The hand on his chest slowly rotated, then was pulled back with force. Immediately, Ji Dong could feel that the devastating flames in his body were coagulating in his chest, as if they found a source.

The glass in Lie Yan's hand floated into the air. Both of her hands were in front of her chest, one higher and one lower, the palms facing each other, forming claws. Her right hand turned golden like that of the Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang-Sacred-Fire, and her left hand turned black like that of the Ding-Si-Ming-Yin-Spirit-Fire. Strong gold and black energies fluctuated between her palms.

The flames in Ji Dong's body seemed to be drawn by the strong flames between Lie Yan's palms. After condensing in front of his chest, the two ultimate flames no longer repelled each other, but were fusing together. They started to rotate, forming a gold and black spiral.

Lie Yan's voice sounded in Ji Dong's mind, "The Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang-Sacred-Fire and the Ding-Si-Ming-Yin-Spirit-Fire, even though one is extremely strong and extremely Yang while the other is extremely soft and extremely Yin, they are not really of different attributes. Both of them are the same fire. This Yin-Yang spiral is the fusion of the origin of the two fires in your body. From now on, you are a Yin-Yang Wizard."

The two-colored energy in Lie Yan's hand condensed into a black and gold bead in the form of a Yin-Yang fish. With a flick of her finger, it merged into Ji Dong's chest, and in that moment the two ultimate fires in his body merged together. A faint special crown condensed in the middle of his chest, the black and gold color forming a spiral.

This crown didn't have a fixed color. With each of Ji Dong's breaths it changed colour, once gold and next black, the two flickered alternatively.

Buzz—— all the pain disappeared, and a new strength filled his body instantly. Ji Dong felt as if the heaven and earth were within his palm. Everything inside his body was clearly visible in his mind. Not only did his Ying-Yang Crown shift in color, the entire inside of his body was bathed in the black and gold changing light.

FLameT0ngue: I found this pic of Lie Yan and Ji Dong at the Magma Lake



Vol. 2 Chapter 7: A One Corona Yin-Yang Crown

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Ji Dong didn't know that only those with a pure elemental body were able to cause changes of the elements inside one's body with each breath; if it was only a single element body, then it would cause the color of the element to brighten up and darken. Since Ji Dong possessed a double elemental body, it caused the weird phenomena of the colors of both the ultimate fires to alternate. This elemental body is the greatest benefit due to that time when the two ultimate fires forged mutually.

The black golden spiral in his chest didn't disappear and was still surrounding that weird Crown; it went without question that this crown which was incessantly alternating between two colors was the origin Ying-Yang crown of Ji Dong. It was neither merely a Yin-Crown nor a Yang-Crown, but a Yin-Yang Crown.

Gold and black, the two colors appeared on the outside of Ji Dong's body, spiraling upwards, and condensed on the top of his head, forming a bizarre Yin-Yang Crown. The whole crown was half black and half white with the middle crown peak at the front serving as a boundary. On top of this middle most crown peak a flame, with the colors black and gold interwoven, was burning, representing the first corona. But at the middle of the crown ring, half of a crown star(TL: 1 full crown star = 2 levels, so half implies one level) appeared at the right side which was white. And this halved crown star had a black and gold color with a black outline underneath it that made it seem as if two half-stars were superimposed. Compared to the time prior to condensing the Yin-Yang Crown, a lot of changes appeared after .

With this Yin-Yang Crown as starting point, a layer of golden light enveloped the continuously changing flame outside Ji Dong's body. For every Yin-Yang

Wizard, this was the most important moment of the condensing of the Yin-Yang Crown. Finally, it was all done.

From now on Ji Dong was not an Apprentice anymore, but officially entered the second stage of the ten stages of the Yin-Yang Wizard — the Scholar stage. A one corona Bing-Ding double-fire-element level 1 Scholar.

All the lights were slowly vanishing, the Yin-Yang Crown which appeared on the head of Ji Dong also slowly merged into his body. When he opened his eyes, the aura around him had changed due to the Yin-Yang Crown, especially those two black eyes, they seemed as if they had been rid of every impurity and were shining like black gems.

“Thank you, Lie Yan” , said Ji Dong wholeheartedly. Earlier when he just started condensing the Yin-Yang Crown, he knew that if it was only him, then he couldn’t become a Yin-Yang Wizard even if he put in 32 times the effort. This was because the two elements in his body mutually repelled, and thus he couldn’t fuse them with his strength alone. Lie Yan had helped him to do all this.

Lie Yan smiled; her smile always made Ji Dong’s gaze turn sluggish, “No need to thank me. Little Ji Dong, according to the customs of your humankind, you should call me Teacher, right?”

When Ji Dong focused again, he answered immediately, against Lie Yan’s expectations, “No, I can’t call you teacher.” he said without hesitating; he did not even pause to ponder on this topic.

Lie Yan, asked surprised, “Do you think I am not good enough to be your teacher?”

“No, of course you are.” Ji Dong explained eagerly, “Sorry Lie Yan, I can’t call you Teacher, you are so beautiful, and so young, calling you teacher would make you seem old, right?”

Lie Yan started giggling and because of this all the flame in the geocentric lake lost their splendour. “You are really good at talking. If you don’t want to address me as your Teacher, then let it be, we don’t really care about all that here in the underground world.”

Ji Dong was actually reluctant to call her so, but how could he speak out what

was on his mind? He had only one thought going around in his head: if he addressed her as Teacher now, then, later on when he himself possessed powerful strength he would still not have the qualifications to declare his true feelings. Although that target was nearly unattainable, if there was just a little bit of hope left Ji Dong did not want to give up.

With his head down, Ji Dong did not want to meet Lie Yan's gaze; he was afraid he would be unable to hold back from expressing his love for her. In his previous life, he was the God of Liquor, but in this life, in front of this perfect woman, he actually felt inferior. He felt that if he spoke his feelings, Lie Yan would never speak to him again. He did not dare to take risks; he absolutely did not have the guts to do so. He knew that in Lie Yan's eyes, the current him was nothing but a small child.

"What happened? Are you still not happy after having formally become a Yin-Yang Wizard?" Seeing that Ji Dong did not say anything, Lie Yan smilingly asked.

Ji Dong shook his head; his thoughts had become stabilized and he could lift his head. "I am just a level 1 Scholar. My future path is still very long, thus I am not very satisfied."

Lie Yan laughed and said, "Always giving yourself pressure, that is really a good attitude. However, if you are under too much pressure, you will break easily. Having a yin-and-yang-balanced dual fire elemental body, you must remember these words: couple strength with gentleness. Alright, now listen to me carefully. I will tell you about your current situation and also the method to utilize the abilities of your dual fire element."

"After condensing a Yin-Yang Crown, as far as any Yin-Yang Wizard is concerned, they will not use their mind to sense the element's power and gather it as they did before condensing a crown. Your Yin-Yang Crown in itself possesses a huge attractive force and it will cause the speed of your future cultivation to increase by several fold. Naturally, the higher your level is, the more the requirement of elemental power is. This is a benefit as far as average Yin-Yang Wizards are concerned. As for you, your Yin-Yang Crown's appearance has many more benefits. The yin-yang balance that had impeded your cultivation before will now, after the Yin-Yang Crown's appearance, no longer hinder your progress."

Still speaking, Lie Yan pointed her finger at Ji Dong's cardiac region and said, "You can feel that in the area surrounding your origin Yin-Yang Crown, the mixture of the Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang-Sacred-Fire and the Ding-Si-Ming-Yin-Spirit-Fire have formed a spiral. Not only can this spiral help you digest and absorb fire elements, it can also help you adjust your body's yin-yang balance. In other words, now even if you absorb only one fire element's power, after entering your body, the yin-yang spiral will help you assimilate it with your body and you will also no longer have any problems with the time of cultivation in your human world. You can make progress in your cultivation by cultivating at any time."

As far as Ji Dong was concerned, the fact that he won't be restricted by the yin-yang balance any longer and that he could cultivate at any time and not just at dawn and dusk even without coming to the geocentric lake so he could make substantial progress in his cultivation, was good news.

Lie Yan continued, "Now you must put in a lot of effort. Controlling the yin-yang spiral within the body is the same as controlling the magic power of both the fire elements. After possessing the yin-yang spiral, at any time you can change its magic power into that of the two fire elements — you can transform it into Ding-Fire element and thus become a single element Wizard or you can use it with the two elements. But all of this fluent usage is only possible if you have a great controlling power. If your control is not good, it will only impede you when you exhibit the power. Thus, when you next cultivate, you must not only increase your magic power, but you must also begin to cultivate control over your yin-yang spiral."

Ji Dong asked, "How can I control the yin-yang spiral?"

Lie Yan, with a faint smile, said, "That is actually not very difficult. Controlling the yin-yang spiral is controlling the output of the yin-yang dual fire elements. This can be done by practising magic skills. You have already become a formal Yin-Yang Wizard, it is also now that you can train in magic skills. Little Ji Dong, hold out both your hands, I will give you two presents."

Ji Dong held out both his hands, with his palms facing upwards and said, "Lie Yan, you have already helped me so much, there is no need to give me any presents."

Lie Yan shook her head, and said, “These two things are of no use to me. By giving them to you, I can also rid myself of all my worries.”

While speaking, Lie Yan had already approached Ji Dong and clasped his hands tightly.

When Lie Yan grabbed onto Ji Dong’s hands, he couldn’t help but feel his heart tremble. Lie Yan’s hands were soft and tender; they were so soft it felt as if she was boneless. Ji Dong subconsciously held on to Lie Yan and his gaze had become very steamy. He had only one thought running through his mind: if he could always hold on to these two hands, he wouldn’t regret it even if he were to die.

However, before Ji Dong could enjoy too much of this pleasant feeling, suddenly two portions of acute pain could be felt from the hollow of his palm. Even though Ji Dong had borne the previous purification process during the condensing of the Yin-Yang Crown without any murmur, at this moment he couldn’t help squealing miserably. And even in such a situation, he still couldn’t bear to let go of Lie Yan’s hands.

At first, Lie Yan was prepared to tightly grasp Ji Dong’s hands lest he withdrew them while in pain, but she found that not only did Ji Dong have no intention of withdrawing his hands, he also tried his utmost to control the force of his grip on her. He was not holding her hands tightly; it looked as if he did not want to hurt her. Originally, Lie Yan only wanted to gift him two important items, but now, a peculiar emotion was born in her heart. Even when he had suffered such a painful moment, he never doubted me and did not scratch me. He is not going all-out to resist the pain but he is trying to control the force of his grasping.

Nibbling her own lower lip, a trace of shock followed by a hint of tenderness flashed through Lie Yan’s eyes. She thought to herself that by giving Ji Dong these two items she really did not trust the wrong person. Ji Dong, you have never disappointed me, how do you do it?

Ji Dong did not pay any attention to the changes in Lie Yan’s expression; to say it simply, he was not able to look at Lie Yan’s expressions. From within the palms of both hands, a pain — so acute that it could pierce the bone marrow — was transmitted through. The yin-yang spiral in his chest began to rapidly rotate at an incomparable speed and the Yin-Yang Crown released an even brighter

radiance. He found that it seemed as some things had drilled into his body from within the palms of his hands and that these things were not something that he could resist with his own power. These things very quickly merged with his yin-yang spiral and into his origin Yin-Yang Crown and they had even blended in with his thoughts.

Ji Dong could only see the two colors of black and gold in front of his eyes. Amidst that pain, his whole self was violently shuddering; it was a kind of pain that made him feel as if his soul had been peeled away from him. Then that ultimate dual-fire one corona Yin-Yang Crown appeared above his head. The half a crown star that it had was constantly flickering, and while flickering it gradually began to become a whole crown star. Ji Dong's level, at this moment, was upgraded. From a one corona level 1 Scholar, he now became a one corona level 2 Scholar.

Ji Dong, upon seeing his body shaking from head to toe, didn't make even a little bit of noise and meanwhile strove to keep the gripping force of his hands under control. Lie Yan wore a trace of sympathy in her eyes but, unlike before, she remained motionless and did not even utilize a bit of her power to help in lessening Ji Dong's pain. Only suffering such a bitter pain would help a person. If she were to provide even a small amount of assistance, then the two things she had given Ji Dong would be incapable of integrating with his body and thus would waste all of his previous efforts.

Since Ji Dong had started to cultivate here, 4 years had passed and Lie Yan had actually not helped him a lot. She had merely helped him to transform his flame before condensing his Yin-Yang Crown, the rest had all been the result of Ji Dong's own effort. Due to Lie Yan having paid attention to him all along, and also because to help Ji Dong lay a solid foundation, just Lie Yan had used all of Ji Dong's efforts during his first year of cultivating as fuel for the two fires, similarly she had deliberately slowed down the time for Ji Dong to condense the Yin-Yang Crown, and thus this dual elemental body was the best possible return on investment for Ji Dong.

Finally, after a long time, when that almost intolerable pain had gradually faded, Ji Dong slowly collapsed onto the ground.

First enduring the pain of condensing a Yin-Yang Crown, and then to bear with

an even more bitter torment, although his willpower was very high and firm, but his body had already crossed its limits. With great difficulty he had persevered, but now that his spirit had relaxed, he immediately went into a stupor.

Lie Yan slightly pulled him and held Ji Dong's body, but unfortunately, at this moment Ji Dong was not aware of this; otherwise, he would once again display a violent nosebleed.

Lie Yan tousled Ji Dong's hair and sighed, "Little Ji Dong, ah, Little Ji Dong, how come you are different from the other humans that I have seen in your world? You made have no other option but to think of different means to trade with you for all the liquor you gave me these four years; I did not even dare to fall short in my compensation. This was to keep my spirit clean. Now, it can be considered that I have paid back all that I owe you. I wish for you to fully utilize this opportunity.

While saying this, the light in Lie Yan's beautiful eyes flickered and calmly placed Ji Dong upon the platform formed by the lava column of fire. In the air, just like all the waters of a river pouring into the ocean, the black and gold halo was engulfed by and slowly blended with Ji Dong's body, thus easing his jerking-due-to-the-earlier-acute-pain body.

When Ji Dong regained consciousness, his body did not even experience any painful feelings and instead it was brimming with abundant magic power. He subconsciously lifted his palms and examined them, when he found out to his astonishment that there was something in each palm.

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After regaining consciousness — which he had lost due to the stinging pain from both his hands — Ji Dong immediately glanced at his palms. He found that each of them had an addition, that is to say, each palm had been branded.

His right palm had a golden-colored sun — there was no doubt about it, it was really a sun, with a golden colored circular disk with many golden colored lines that were blossoming like petals with radiance! When Ji Dong looked at it, it brightened up and its splendour increased, seemingly as if the sun had really been grabbed and held in the palm of his right hand.

His left hand was also similarly branded, but the brand was a black-colored moon. It was also a circular brand and when Ji Dong looked at it, he found that instead of a brilliant radiance, it seemed to be a blackness that could swallow everything. It was very profound and also full of oppressive power.

Ji Dong stared in amazement at the two brands in his palms. They were not designs drawn on his hands but rather, they were completely fused with his skin. He also felt that these two patterns had seemingly blended within his thoughts — there were many things going on in his mind. His temperament also showed signs of having become domineering.

Looking at his surroundings, Ji Dong found that the geocentric magma lake of which he was initially afraid of, now seemed to be just like any other normal lake on earth and that the dual Bing-Ding fire elements' aura in the air also seemed to be attracted towards him and he felt that he could dare to seize all the opportunities here.

“Do you like them? These are my presents to you.” A faint red hue arose in front of Ji Dong and as if appearing out of nowhere, Lie Yan was in front of him.

Ji Dong stood up from the platform of the lava column of fire and asked with some surprise, “Lie Yan, what are these?”

Lie Yan said while smiling, “This is your future.”

“My future?” Ji Dong did not understand any of this. After he came out of his stupor he discovered that there was something additional in his body.

Lie Yan said, “Let me tell you a story to help you understand. Actually, I was not the original ruler of this region, it was actually someone else. Moreover, these 18 geocentric layers were not under the control of one geocentric lifeform, instead there were two. These two were a pair of twins. One was the Bing-Wu-Yuan-Yang-Sacred-Fire flame spirit who had condensed to become a fierce-flame sovereign king, and the other was the Ding-Si-Ming-Yin-Spirit-Fire flame spirit that had condensed to become a gloomy-flame devil king. These two great Monarchs ruled the entire geocentric world and the 18 geocentric layers. Although they were a pair of twins who were born at the same time, cultivated simultaneously, and had peerless strength, they battled each other every day in these 18 layers because of their mutually opposing elements. The battle skills that they had were powerful enough to destroy heaven and earth. All of the geocentric lifeforms supported one of the kings based on their elements. Under the rule of these Monarchs, the war in the geocentric world never ceased. Every time, the war resulted in a large amount of casualties and caused a grave decrease in the strength of the underworld. One day, the geocentric red lotus emerged as pre-destined and condensed to form a red lotus raging flame (TL: this is the exact translation of the name Lie Yan) and she successively defeated both the fierce-flame sovereign king and the gloomy-flame devil king and they were completely erased from this geocentric world and the 18 layers of the underworld once again submerged into tranquility. There were no more wars, only peace, and this allowed all the underworld lifeforms to live quite happily and they did not need to be worried that another war that could take their life can occur at any time.”

“Are you that red lotus raging flame?” Questioned Ji Dong, after Lie Yan, wearing a smile on her face, calmly narrated the story. Listening to this story, a deeply disturbing emotion welled up within Ji Dong’s heart. Lie Yan spoke casually about defeating the two great Monarchs of the geocentric world, but

one could well imagine how difficult this had been. Inwardly Ji Dong, for the first time, was completely certain of how powerful Lie Yan was. With her being the ruler of the underworld, when would he be able to catch up to her? His feelings of inferiority couldn't help but make Ji Dong feel inwardly grim.

Lie Yan gently nodded, as if recalling all the happenings of that time, and said, "Maybe it's because the two Monarchs' battle affected the whole underworld's balance and that is why I was born within the earth's core. They were really very powerful, in fact, the two fires inside your body are not something I created but they came from the two Monarchs. Those are their origin life flames. These two Monarchs had already reached the pinnacle of the power of their flames. If I were to handle those two at the same time, there is no doubt that I would die. But because of the hatred between them they ruined themselves and thus I was able to defeat them one by one. I used my own origin red lotus fire to separately refine their souls but my flame was also assimilated by them, thus changing the origin of my fire. The patterns in the hollows of both your palms are the magic souls of those Monarchs that was left over after I had refined them. Or, it could also be said that these are their most basic origins. These don't have any thoughts of their own but they have the memories of all their power. To be precise these magic souls are not energies but records of memories, the memory records of two great Monarchs. These are my gifts to you. These two magic souls each have the record of all the skills of the two Monarchs. By the standards of your human race's Yin-Yang Wizards, those skills include standard skills, direct hit skills, critical strike skills, sure-kill skills and after that there are even the ultimate skills. Moreover, all these are peak level skills."

In Li Huo Academy, Ji Dong had learnt that when a Yin-Yang Wizard had his own Yin-Yang crown, they had cultivated the foundation of magic skills. And, as far as any Yin-Yang Wizard was concerned, a magic skill was only secondary to the yin-yang magic power. Even if your magic power was very strong, if you didn't have a suitable magic skill, you would not be able to become a powerful expert. And, what Lie Yan said about the classification of magic skills was totally different from what he had heard. Li Huo Academy only explained about three kinds of magic skills which were standard skills, direct hit skills and critical strike skills.

Standard skills were the most basic magic skills. Every Yin-Yang Wizard who had entered a higher education establishment could learn some standard skills and then choose one that suited their cultivation. But the direct hit skills were not as easy to learn. Even a higher education establishment may not necessarily be able to teach these and also it may not be suitable to them. Even for a Yin-Yang Wizard of the same element, as far as direct hit skills are concerned, their understanding of it would be different. Only by finding a skill that was most suitable to themselves could one display their maximum strength. And direct hit skills were also known by another name — slaughter skills. They were very powerful skills.

Any standard skill or direct hit skill were again divided into three grades: high, mid and low. A one corona Yin-Yang Wizard can only learn standard skills and a two coronas Yin-Yang Wizard would have the chance to learn direct hit skills.

Generally speaking, higher-level magic skills were considered as family heirlooms by all the influential families and wanting to learn them was as difficult as treading the heavens. For a Yin-Yang Wizard to want to be powerful, luck was a major ingredient needed to learn magic skills. Because of this some merchants made their living by selling magic spells.

V2C8 – II : The Twin Monarchs

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NOTE: the magical skills are classified and ordered as per power as standard skills, direct hit skills, critical strike skills, sure-kill skills, and ultimate skills.

The price of magic skills was frightfully high. This was also an important reason why Yang Bing Tian said he would not casually take in a disciple. If a Yin-Yang Wizard could pay his respects to a strong teacher and learn magic skills, then there is no doubt about the benefits he would receive.

As for the even more advanced critical strike skills, Li Huo Academy's teachers had only given a simple comment as explanation for them: it was something that one could encounter but cannot seek for and that it was incomparably powerful. The Yin-Yang Wizards who possessed critical strike skills were the focal points within the continent.

This was all of Ji Dong's understanding regarding magic skills. Upon hearing what Lie Yan had now said, he knew that the Li Huo Academy's teachers' knowledge was lacking. The magic skills not only consisted of standard skills, direct hit skills and critical strike skills, there was actually higher levelled skills such as sure-kill skills and ultimate skills. With regards to the ultimate skills, from the way Li Yan said these words, it could clearly be seen how very powerful they were.

"Lie Yan, are you saying that I already have the fiery-flame sovereign king's and the gloomy-flame devil king's skill memories?" Ji Dong's heart twitched slightly; he knew without a doubt what kind of gift this was.

Lie Yan nodded and said, "From the point of view of strength, the two Monarchs were the most powerful experts of the fire element. If they were not too prone to fighting, they wouldn't have ended up like this. In the future, if you are able to grasp all of their skills, you would be unhindered across the human

world.”

Ji Dong looked at both his hands, and contrary to Lie Yan’s expectations, he did not look too happy and excited and rather forced himself to smile as he said, “Lie Yan, you have even such magnificent gifts, in the future how do you expect me to reciprocate? If I had known earlier that you would give me such precious items, I would have never have accepted them.”

For Yin-Yang Wizards, if there was no need in the future to exhaustively seek out magic skills, then this was a huge advantage, not to mention that these were magic skills that had once belonged to the two Monarchs of the geocentric world.

Lie Yan gently laughed, and said, “A human can live for 80-100 years. And the powerful Yin-Yang wizards could live upto 200 years and above. I did not give you these two magic souls without a reason. The price you have to pay for this is to brew liquors for me for 99 years. Are you willing to do so?”

Lifting his head towards Lie Yan, Ji Dong said on an impulse, “Even if you did not give me anything, as long as I am alive, I am willing to be your exclusive bartender.” Actually, he still had a few more words to add, but said them silently within his heart, *Lie Yan, you know what? If I can just see you each day, I would already be satisfied with that.*

Listening to those sincere words from Ji Dong, Lie Yan at first stared blankly, and a trace of not-easy-to-detect of emotional waves flashed past in her eyes, and then she giggled as she said, “Little Ji Dong, I do not require you to be my exclusive bartender. You have such good skills in mixing cocktails, if only I were to sample them would that not be a pity? Ah, I just remembered, for altogether 99 years you have to mix cocktails for me, and just recently four years have gone by, so you still have 95 years remaining.”

Ji Dong solemnly nodded his head, “Okay, then 95 years it is.”

Lie Yan changed the topic, and said while looking at Ji Dong’s moving hands, “The two Monarch’s skills are not so easy to use. Your magic power needs to reach the appropriate level and when you undertake to learn a skill you must incite the memories and obtain the right to use that skill. Currently you can use only one standard skill of each fire element. By using your thoughts and sense

the fiery sun and dark moon in the hollows of your palms you can access these memories. However you must never look down on these two standard skills. They are the foundations of all the skills of the two Monarchs. If you use them properly they would be comparable to the terror of direct hit skills. If you train in them well, when your own yin-yang magic power advances, you can get a step further in your skills. Alright, you can go back now, by my calculations you have been here for 3 days. The academy already believes you are missing and today must be your fourth year end-of-term exams. Three years ago they deprived you of the status of being an official student, now is the time that you should amaze them.”

“I have been here for 3 days?” Ji Dong was startled. He only then came to know that from when he came here to condense his Yin-Yang Crown, so much time had unconsciously passed by. After bidding farewell to Lie Yan, wrapped within the red lotus, Lie Yan prepared to return back to the academy.

The red light flickered and when the red lotus petals withdrew, Ji Dong had already returned to his room. Outside, the daylight was bright, and upon seeing the time, he noticed that it was already approaching noon. He did not dare to dally long and after changing into a clean Bing-fire Department’s uniform, he hurriedly ran downstairs.

When Ji Dong just arrived on the sports field, he saw three groups of students standing in a matrix form. And then he knew that it was as Lie Yan had said; today was really the day of year-end exams. And these matrixes of students were arranged as per the year — the group that was the front was his own fourth year and behind them are the fifth year students and then the about-to-graduate of sixth year students. And the preceding third year students had clearly finished taking their exams.

According to the rules of Li Huo Academy, during the year-end exam, from the lower year onwards all the years’ students should wait in the sports field. Before the examination is over, a student is not even permitted to eat lunch. This was also a way to temper the students and the sixth year students had been tempering themselves for the longest period.

Ji Dong quickly trotted towards the fourth year queue and then gave a short glance towards the people standing at the front of the two separate lines for the

Bing-fire element and the Ding-fire element — Karl and Bi Su.

It seemed as if the two men's personal traits had changed somewhat. Fourteen-year-old Karl's height had exceeded 1.8m and though his stature did not resemble that of Teacher Xia Tian's, but is also almost as firm and stout as his, with wide shoulders and a broad back. Karl's school uniform did not hide his muscles and on his hair were like short steely needle-like bristles. Ji Dong could faintly see that there was a red-coloured layer of light faintly flickering about Karl's build.

Bi Su was no longer the sissy that he was in his childhood. He was fair-skinned and exceedingly handsome and although he had a somewhat delicate appearance but his two eyes shining like stars indicated that his strength was in dire contrast to his appearance.

Ji Dong was inwardly happy; it was clear to him that they had also already made their breakthroughs.

V2C9 – I : Amazing everyone with a brilliant feat!

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“Boss, where were you? I couldn’t find you for couple of days and I thought that you went missing.” Seeing Ji Dong, Bi Su and Karl immediately welcomed him back with great furor.

Ji Dong smiled and said, “Let’s not talk about these matters. Have you both made your breakthroughs? And when will it be our year’s examination?”

Karl said with a sad smile, “Right now it is our year’s turn. We have already made our breakthroughs and so we need to leave this academy at the year’s end. But Boss, you....”

Ji Dong patted Karl’s shoulder, “Making a breakthrough is good. Also, I have already been here for four years. Where will you go? I will accompany you there. Do you think that with my bartending abilities, I wouldn’t be able to survive in any city? The requirements of a higher educational institute should not be so strict as to prevent you from going out into the city!”

Karl and Bi Su were elated. Bi Su said with a smile, “That’s great, Boss, we were just dreading the thought of not being able to drink the liquor you make in the future. Stop mentioning earning money and just give those liquors you make to me.”

Over these past four years, Ji dong always knew that Karl and Bi Su had been defending him. No matter whether it was someone of the Bing-Fire Department or the Ding-Fire Department, if anyone talked ill about him, they would secretly avenge him. By relying on their outstanding talent and their identities as the student-representatives of their year, there was no one among the students who could call him a trash. These brotherly feelings, Ji dong remembered them deep inside his heart. Right when he was about to tell these good brothers of his about his own breakthrough, teacher Xia Tian’s voice could be heard from the

school building.

“Fourth year students, come up to take your exam script.”

There was not enough time to explain as they were all told to go forth and take up their exams. The 4th year students, in an orderly fashion, marched towards the school building and Ji Dong naturally walked at the head of the line with Bi Su and Karl.

When Xia Tian saw him he frowned and asked, “Ji Dong, where were you these past few days? Even if you are just an audit student, you should comply with the academy’s rules. After the end of the exam, you’re to head to my place for your punishment.”

“Yes.” Ji Dong agreed respectfully. Even though Teacher Xia Tian had a bad temper, these past years, every student knew that he was defensive of his students. He also treated his students exceptionally well. He had obtained the love and respect of his fourth year students.

When he entered the assembly hall behind Xia Tian, Ji Dong felt rather excited (TL: excited/emotionally moved is actually the literal translation of Ji Dong’s name. The chinese sentence can be literally translated as Ji Dong was feeling the same sensation as his own name.). Four years had passed by and today was the time to put an end to this chapter of his live.

Yang Bing Tian also saw Ji dong walking along with the students and couldn’t help sending him a discontented look. These past few days, upon noticing Ji Dong being missing it had caused the dean of the academy to be highly worried.

After the usual speech, the examinations began in the same way it had in the past and the first to go on the stage was naturally the fourth year Bing-Fire Department’s student rep., Karl.

Seeing his own complacent disciple, Xia Tian was unable to keep a solemn expression and smilingly nodded at Karl, “Begin.”

Unlike what he did in the previous examinations, Karl did not extend both his hands to release his flame. Everyone only saw a red light appear on his body, a gaudy radiance that seemed to distort all the air in the surroundings, a red light could be clearly seen to be condensing upon his head, transforming into a white

colored Yang Crown with red flames upon the crown peaks. The half of a crown star in his crown ring completely explained his current level. A one corona level 1 Bing-fire Scholar or, it could be said that he was a level 11 Bing-fire Scholar.

Surprised exclamations could be heard among the students. Although they all knew of Karl's strength, but personally seeing that he had condensed his Yin-Yang Crown still roused some exclamations and gasps of amazement. One should know that the leap from being a level 10 Apprentice to being a level 11 Scholar was the most important breakthrough for Yin-Yang Wizards. This was because having a Yin-Yang Crown was the most basic proof of being a Yin-Yang Wizard.

All the teachers on the platform were not surprised; it was clear that they had already gotten the news of Karl's breakthrough.

Teacher Xia Tian's voice became especially loud and clear as he said, "Karl, Level 11 Bing-fire element Scholar has successfully condensed his Yin-Yang Crown. Grade: Excellent."

Karl, undoubtedly, became the focus of attention of everyone present, as he walked off the stage. After this, the Bing-Fire Department's exams became commonplace, the next strongest person seen was only a level 7 Apprentice. This was until Bi Su, the student rep. of the Ding-Fire Department went on to the stage. Then the atmosphere in the assembly hall became lively and excited with him being the same as Karl, a Level 11 Scholar with a one Corona half-star Yin-Yang Crown.

Bi Su proudly walked down the platform. He and Karl had put in a lot of efforts over these past four years and that had finally been well rewarded. Having condensed their Yin-Yang Crowns, they both already possessed the qualifications to graduate. With their present ages, they would be bound to be ranked high in the recommendations to high level educational establishment.

The Ding-Fire Department's examination also quickly got over, and Yang Bing Tian, sitting up on the platform, smiled and said, "Today, you fourth year students' examination brought me some nice surprises. Bing-Fire Department's Karl and Ding-Fire Department's Bi Su have already condensed their Yin-Yang Crowns. Their achievements are obvious and they would immediately be recommended to most high-level educational institutions to continue their

studies. The other students, if you use them as role-models and put in great efforts, you too can quickly reach the Scholar level and become a proper Yin-Yang Wizard. Alright, let us end the fourth year's year-end exams now..."

Just when Yang Bing Tian was about to declare the end of the exams, a voice was suddenly heard, "Wait a moment!"

If one interrupted the Dean of the school, it was disrespectful to the teacher and would be punished. All the teachers couldn't help frowning and the students looked to the direction from whence the voice was heard.

Ji Dong calmly stood up among the students of the back-row, his two eyes met the somewhat-strict gaze of teacher Xia Tian and said, "I would like to participate in the exam as well."

"You..." Xia Tian frowned, "Ji Dong, you are just an audit student, you do not need to take the exam."

Ji Dong's eyes expressed a bit of disdain as he strode toward the platform and confronted the teachers, "I remember that 3 years ago, when I was unable to pass the first year year-end exam, I became an audit student and the teachers told me that if in these 6 years of schooling I can make a breakthrough then I can officially become a graduate of Li Huo Academy."

Xia Tian stared at him blankly and said, "Do you think you have the qualifications to take the exam now?"
